COPIAH INTERNET SAFETY POLICY
INTERNET PARENTAL CONSENT AGREEMENT

Important Notice to Parents

Due to the nature of the Internet, it is neither practical nor possible for the school district to enforce compliance with user rules at all times. Accordingly, parents and students must recognize that students will be required to make independent decisions and use good judgement in their use of the Internet. Therefore, parents must participate in the decision whether to allow their children access to the Internet and must communicate their own expectations to their children regarding its appropriate educational use.

As a parent/guardian of this student, I have read the board-adopted policies on Internet Use By Students, the administrative procedures, and the Internet Network Access Agreement.

- I understand that Internet access is designed for educational purposes and that the school/district will attempt to discourage access to objectionable material and communications that are intended to exploit, harass or abuse students. However, I recognize it is impossible for the school district to restrict access to all objectionable material, and I will not hold the school or school district responsible for materials acquired or contacts made on the Internet.

- I understand that a variety of inappropriate and offensive materials are available over the Internet and that it may be possible for my child to access these materials if he/she chooses to behave irresponsibly. I also understand that it is possible for undesirable or ill-intended individuals to communicate with my child over the Internet, that there is no practical means for the school/district to prevent this from happening, and that my child must take responsibility to avoid such communications if they are initiated. While I authorize the staff to monitor any communications to or from my child on the Internet, I recognize that it is not possible for the school to monitor all such communications. I have determined that the benefits of my child having access to the Internet outweigh potential risks.

- I understand that any conduct by the herein named student that is in conflict with these responsibilities is inappropriate, and such behavior may result in termination of access and possible disciplinary action.

- I understand that filming and/or posting a student and/or a faculty/staff member with a device is prohibited.

- I have reviewed these responsibilities with my child, and I hereby grant permission to the school/district to provide Internet network access.

- I agree to compensate the school/district for any expenses or costs it incurs as a result of my child's violation of Internet policies or administrative procedures.

To address the basic Internet safety policy compliance requirements of CIPA and NCIPA, Copiah will address the following with students:

- The education of minors about appropriate online behavior, including interacting with other individuals on social networking sites and in chat rooms.

- Cyberbullying awareness and response

- Inappropriate usage of Social Media (Statements/Postings/Pictures/Etc.

INTERNET SAFETY POLICY

Introduction

It is the policy of the Copiah Educational Foundation, Inc. to: (a) prevent user access over its computer network to, or transmission of, inappropriate material via Internet or other forms of direct electronic communications; (b) prevent unauthorized access and other unlawful online activity; (c) prevent unauthorized online disclosure, use, or dissemination of personal identification information of minors; and (d) comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act (Pub. L. No 106-554 and 47 USC 254 (h)).

Definitions

Key terms as defined by the Children's Internet Protection Act. *

Access to Inappropriate Material

To the extent practical, technology protection measures (or internet filters) shall be used to block or filter Internet, or other forms of electronic communications, access to inappropriate information. Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, blocking shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed obscene or child pornography, or to any material deemed harmful to minors.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful proposes.

Inappropriate Network Usage

To the extent practical, steps shall be taken to promote the safety and security of users including minors of the Copiah Educational Foundation, Inc. online computer network, electronic mail, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communications

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act, prevention of inappropriate network usage includes: (a) unauthorized access, including so-called "hacking" and other unlawful activities by minors online; and (b) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors.

Supervision and Monitoring

It shall be the responsibility of all members of the Copiah Educational Foundation, Inc. staff to supervise and monitor usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy and the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Procedures for the disabling or otherwise modifying any technology protection measures shall be the responsibility of the headmaster and/or the Board of Directors of the Copiah Educational Foundation, Inc., or its designated representatives.

Adoption

This Internet Safety Policy was adopted by the Executive Board of the Board of Directors of the Copiah Educational Foundation, Inc. at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 14, 2002. *CIPA definitions of terms:

TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION MEASURE: The term "technology protection measure" means a specific technology that blocks or filters Internet Access to visual depictions that are:

1. OBSCENE, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;
2. CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; or
3. Harmful to minors.

HARMFUL TO MINORS: The term harmful to minors means any pictures, images, graphic image file or other visual depiction that:

1. Taken as a whole and with respect to minors, appeals to a prurient interest in nudity, sex, or excretion.
2. Depicts, describes, or represents, in a patently offensive way with respect to what is suitable for minors, an actual or simulated sexual act or sexual contact, actual or simulated normal or perverted sexual acts, or a lewd exhibition of the genitals; and

3. Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors having the meanings given in section 2246 of title 18, United States Code.

TECHNOLOGY
Cell phones, headphones, ear buds, smart watches (that serve for anything other than time), wrist bands, earpieces, etc. are not to be used at school. The rules apply to any emerging technology that is not yet on the market as well as current technology.

Cell phones should not be visible from 8-3. This includes break and lunch. Phones must remain in backpacks, vehicles, or turned into the high school office. If a student has a visible cell phone they will serve a detention and the phone will be taken to the high school office until 3:00pm.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY
Copiah Academy recognizes that access to technology in school gives students, parents, and teachers greater opportunities to learn, engage, communicate, and develop skills that will prepare them for work, life, and citizenship. We are committed to helping students develop 21st-century technology and communication skills.

To that end, this Acceptable Use Policy outlines the guidelines and behaviors that students, parents and teachers are expected to follow when using school technologies or when using personally owned devices on or off the school campus.

- Students, parents and teachers are expected to follow the same rules for good behavior and respectful conduct online as offline.
- Misuse of social media can result in disciplinary action.
- Copiah Academy makes a reasonable effort to ensure students' safety and security online but will not be held accountable for any harm or damages that result from misuse of social media technologies.

We encourage teachers, students, parents, staff, and other school community members to use social networking/media (Twitter, Facebook, etc.) as a way to connect with others, share educational resources, create and curate educational content, and enhance the classroom experience. While social networking is fun and valuable, there are some risks you should keep in mind when using these tools. In the social media world, the lines are blurred between what is public or private, personal or professional.

We've created these social networking/media guidelines for you to follow when representing the school in the virtual world.

Please do the following:

Use good judgment
- We expect you to use good judgment in all situations.
- You must know and follow the school's Code of Conduct and Privacy Policy.
- Regardless of your privacy settings, assume that all of the information you have shared on your social network is public information.
- Be respectful
- Always treat others in a respectful, positive and considerate manner.
- Be responsible and ethical
- If you are approved to represent the school, unless you are specifically authorized to speak on behalf of the school as a spokesperson, you should state that the views expressed in your postings, etc. are your own. Stick with discussing school-related matters that are within your area of responsibility.
- Be open about your affiliation with the school and the role/position you hold.
- Be a good listener

- Keep in mind that one of the biggest benefits of social media is that it gives others another way to talk to you, ask questions directly and to share feedback.
- Be responsive others when conversing online. Provide answers, thank people for their comments, and ask for further feedback, etc.
- Always be doing at least as much listening and responding as you do talking.

Don't share the following:
- Confidential information
- Do not publish, post or release information that is considered confidential or not public. If it seems confidential, it probably is. Online conversations are never private. Do not use your birth date, address, and cell phone number on any public website.
- Private and personal information
- To ensure your safety, be careful about the type and amount of personal information you provide.
- Avoid talking about personal schedules or situations.
- NEVER give out or transmit personal information of students, parents, or co-workers
- Don't take information you may receive through social networking (such as e-mail addresses, customer names or telephone numbers) and assume its the most up-to-date or correct.
- Always respect the privacy of the school community members.

Please be cautious with respect to:
Images
- Respect brand, trademark, copyright information and/or images of the school (if applicable).
- You may use photos and video (products, etc.) that are available on the school's website.
- It is generally not acceptable to post pictures of students without the expressed written consent of their parents.
- Do not post pictures of others (co-workers, etc.) without their permission.
- Other sites
- A significant part of the interaction on blogs, Twitter, Facebook and other social networks involves passing on interesting content or linking to helpful resources. However, the school is ultimately responsible for any content that is shared. Don't blindly repost a link without looking at the content first.
- Pay attention to the security warnings that pop up on your computer before clicking on unfamiliar links. They actually serve a purpose and protect you and the school.
- When using Twitter, Facebook and other tools, be sure to follow their printed terms and conditions.

And if you don't get it right…
- Be sure to correct any mistake you make immediately and make it clear what you've done to fix it.
- Apologize for the mistake if the situation warrants it.
- If it's a MAJOR mistake (e.g., exposing private information or reporting confidential information), please let someone know immediately so the school can take the proper steps to help minimize the impact it may have.

Netiquette
- Users should always use the Internet, network resources, and online sites in a courteous and respectful manner.
- Users should also recognize that among the valuable content online is unverified, incorrect, or inappropriate content. Users should use trusted sources when conducting research via the Internet.

- Users should also remember not to post anything online that they wouldn't want parents, teachers, or future colleges or employers to see. Once something is online, it's out there and can sometimes be shared and spread in ways you never intended.

Personal Safety
- If you see a message, comment, image, or anything else online that makes you concerned for your personal safety, bring it to the attention of an adult (teacher or staff if you're at school; parent if you're using the device at home) immediately.
- Users should never share personal information, including phone number, address, social security number, birthday, or financial information, over the Internet without adult permission.
- Users should recognize that communicating over the Internet brings anonymity and associated risks and should carefully safeguard the personal information of themselves and others.

Cyberbullying
Cyberbullying will not be tolerated. Harassing, dissing, flaming, denigrating, impersonating, outing, tricking, excluding, and cyberstalking are all examples of cyberbullying. Don't be mean. Don't send emails or post comments with the intent of scaring, hurting, or intimidating someone else. Engaging in these behaviors, or any online activities intended to harm (physically or emotionally) another person, will result in severe disciplinary action and loss of privileges. In some cases, cyberbullying can be a crime. Remember that your activities are monitored and retained by others.

Examples of Acceptable Use
I will:
- Follow the same guidelines for respectful, responsible behavior online that I am expected to follow offline.
- Treat social media carefully, and alert staff if there is any problem with their operation.
- Encourage positive, constructive discussion if allowed to use communicative or collaborative technologies.
- Alert a teacher or other staff member if I see threatening/bullying, inappropriate, or harmful content (images, messages, posts) online.
- Be cautious to protect the safety of myself and others.
- This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Users should use their own good judgment when using social media

Examples of Unacceptable Use
I will not:
- Use social media in a way that could be personally or physically harmful to myself or others.
- Engage in cyberbullying, harassment, or disrespectful conduct toward other staff or students.
- Try to find ways to circumvent the school's safety measures and filtering tools.
- Use language online that would be unacceptable in the classroom.
- This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Users should use their own good judgment when using social media.

Limitation of Liability
- Copiah Academy will not be responsible for damage or harm to persons, files, data, or hardware.
- Violations of this Acceptable Use Policy
- Violations of this policy may have disciplinary repercussions, including:
- Suspension of volunteer privileges
- Removal from positions of leadership within Copiah Academy.

- Removal of student from Copiah Academy.
- Additional consequences determined by Administration.